

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity for April 2020.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3161–S3276

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 4052–4067. **Page S3206**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 4049, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. (S. Rept. No. 116–236)

S. 4054, to reauthorize the United States Grain Standards Act. **Page S3204**

Measures Passed:

Neil A. Armstrong Test Facility Act: Senate passed S. 2472, to redesignate the NASA John H. Glenn Research Center at Plum Brook Station, Ohio, as the NASA John H. Glenn Research Center at the Neil A. Armstrong Test Facility. **Page S3273**

Measures Considered:

Justice Act—Cloture: By 55 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 126), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3985, to improve and reform policing practices, accountability, and transparency. **Page S3170**

Subsequently, Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S3170**

National Defense Authorization Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 4049, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of En-

ergy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Pages S3170–S3201**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Wednesday, June 24, 2020, a vote on cloture will occur at 1:30 p.m., on Thursday, June 25, 2020. **Pages S3170–71**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill ripen at 1:30 p.m., on Thursday, June 25, 2020. **Page S3273**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, June 25, 2020. **Page S3273**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 125), Cory T. Wilson, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. **Pages S3162–70, S3276**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
18 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy. **Pages S3273–76**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S3210–73**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S3273**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—126) **Page S3170**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:45 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3273.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "United States Grain Standards Reauthorization Act of 2020".

AGRICULTURE LEGISLATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 3894, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a program to reduce barriers to entry for farmers, ranchers, and private forest landowners in certain private markets, after receiving testimony from Brent Bible, Environmental Defense Fund, Lafayette, Indiana; Zippy Duvall, American Farm Bureau Federation, Greensboro, Georgia; Rob Larew, National Farmers Union, Greenville, West Virginia; and Jason Weller, Truterra LLC, Land O'Lakes, Inc., Arden Hills, Minnesota.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Joyce Louise Connery, of Virginia, and Thomas A. Summers, of Pennsylvania, both to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, and 1,285 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Derek Kan, of California, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

FCC OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission, after receiving testimony from Ajit Pai, Chairman, and Jessica Rosenworcel, Michael O'Rielly, Brendan Carr, and Geoffrey Starks, each a Commissioner, all of the Federal Communications Commission.

COVID-19 AND MINERAL SUPPLY CHAINS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of COVID-19 on mineral supply chains, focusing on the role of those supply chains in economic and national security, and challenges and opportunities to rebuild America's supply chains, after receiving testimony from Nedal T. Nassar, Section Chief, National Minerals Information Center, Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Joe Bryan, Atlantic Council Global Energy Center, Hyattsville, Maryland; Mark Caffarey, Umicore USA, Raleigh, North Carolina; Thomas J. Duesterberg, Hudson Institute, Aspen, Colorado; and Simon Moores, Benchmark Mineral Intelligence, London, United Kingdom.

STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of the Strategic National Stockpile in pandemic response, after receiving testimony from Gregory Burel, former Director, Strategic National Stockpile, Department of Health and Human Services, Alpharetta, Georgia; Andrew Phelps, Oregon Office of Emergency Management Director, Salem, on behalf of the National Emergency Management Association; Julie Gerberding, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.; and Daniel M. Gerstein, RAND Corporation, Arlington, Virginia.

INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2165, to enhance protections of Native American tangible cultural heritage, S. 2716, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act, S. 2912, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land located in Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community, S. 3019, to protect access to water for all Montanans, S. 3044, to amend the American's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 to expand the Indian reservation drinking water program, S. 3099, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, and S. 3100, to convey land in Anchorage, Alaska, to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, after receiving testimony from Timothy R. Petty, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, and Darryl LaCounte, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, both of the Department of the Interior.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of David W.